

CLAIMS

1. Composition for the curative and prophylactic treatment of obesity, comprising an extract of green tea containing from 20% to 50% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

2. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the extract of green tea contains from 20% to 30% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

3. Composition according to either of Claims 1 and 2, characterized in that the extract of green tea contains from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine.

4. Composition according to one of Claims 1 to 3,
15 characterized in that the extract of green tea has a
ratio of the concentration of catechols to the
concentration of caffeine of between 2 and 10.

5. Composition according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the extract of green tea is
20 titrated so as to allow the administration of a daily dose of from 250 mg to 500 mg, preferably about 375 mg, of catechols per day, and from 50 mg to 200 mg, preferably about 150 mg, of caffeine per day.

6. Use of an extract or powder of green tea for
25 the manufacture of a medicinal product which has anti-
lipase and/or thermogenic properties, and which is
intended for the curative and prophylactic treatment of
obesity.

7. Use according to Claim 6, characterized in that
30 the extract of green tea contains from 20% to 50%,
preferably from 20% to 30%, by mass of catechols
expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

8. Use according to either of ~~Claims 6 and 7,~~
characterized in that the extract of green tea contains
35 from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine.

9. Use according to one of Claims 6 to 8, characterized in that the extract of green tea has a ratio of the concentration of catechols to the concentration of caffeine of between 2 and 10.

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